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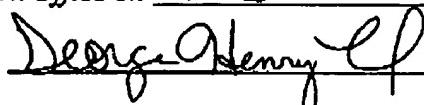
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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2005, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

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